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Social Studies 9 Unit 2 The British and North America

2D HBC & the Fur-Trade

References:

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 9
Origins video "Empire Builders"

Questions

Read pages 255 -264 in Crossroads and answer the following questions:



York Factory on Hudson Bay

1. Were fur traders in the 1600s interested in changing the Native peoples' way of life? What was their real interest?
2. Describe the uses of the beaver pelt in Europe, especially for hats.
3. Who were Radisson and Groseilliers? How did two Frenchman end up working for the British?
4. How and when did the Hudson's Bay Company start? What was the their trading policy or method?
5. In the context of the fur trade, what's a factory? What's a Factor?
6. What is Rupert's Land? Give the "who, what, where, when and why."

7. What was the basic unit of trade? How many "MB" would it take to get a blanket? a gallon of brandy? a rifle (gun)?

8. Describe a HBC post and the kind of life, events, and trading ceremonies that took place there.

9. Using the map on p. 259 as a reference, draw the approximate boundaries of Rupert's Land on the map below. See if you notice the pattern. Locate York Factory and Cumberland House.

